

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On Page 29, amend the ninth paragraph as follows:

Figs. ~~35A~~ 35A1 through 35F2 set forth a flow chart for an alternative system control process that can be used in conjunction with the fourth generalized system design shown in Figs. 29A1 and 29A2;

On Page 31, amend the second paragraph as follows:

Figs. 43E through ~~43J~~ 43H show in greater detail the retractable/protractable support hook integrated within the cradle-providing base station for (i) supporting the automatic hand-supportable wireless laser scanning bar code symbol reading device in a vertical position when the hinged support hook is arranged in its protracted configuration as shown in Figs. 43E1 and 43F, and (ii) supporting the automatic hand-supportable wireless laser scanning bar code symbol reading device in a horizontal position when the hinged support hook is arranged in its retracted configuration as shown in Figs. 43G and 43H;

On Page 33, after the first paragraph, insert the following paragraph:

Fig. 47B is a schematic diagram of the battery power supply unit contained within the housing of the bar code reading system shown in Figs. 43A through 44A2.

and, amend the next paragraph after that as follows:

Figs. ~~47A1 through 47C4~~ 48A1 through 48C4, taken together, show a high level flow chart of the control process carried out by the control subsystem of the bar code symbol reading system of Figs. 47A1 through 47A4.